

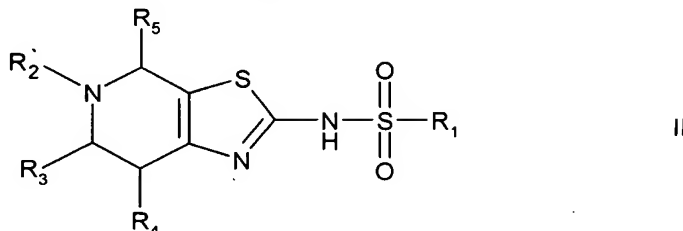
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2. (Canceled).

Claim 3. (Original) A compound of formula



wherein

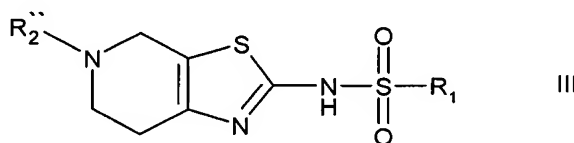
R₁ is unsubstituted (C₆₋₁₈)aryl, or (C₆₋₁₈)aryl substituted by aminocarbonyl, halogen or halo(C₁₋₆)alkyl,

R₂ is (C₁₋₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl, (C₃₋₆)cycloalkyl(C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl or unsubstituted (C₆₋₁₈)aryl, or (C₆₋₁₈)aryl substituted by aminocarbonyl, halogen or halo(C₁₋₆)alkyl,

R₃ and R₅ together are (C₁₋₄)alkylene, and

R₄ is hydrogen.

Claim 4. (Original) A compound of formula



wherein

R₁ is unsubstituted (C₆₋₁₈)aryl, or (C₆₋₁₈)aryl substituted by aminocarbonyl, halogen or halo(C₁₋₆)alkyl, and

R₂ is (C₁₋₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₃₋₆)cycloalkyl(C₁₋₆)alkylcarbonyl, unsubstituted (C₆₋₁₈)aryl, or (C₆₋₁₈)aryl substituted by aminocarbonyl, halogen or halo(C₁₋₆)alkyl.

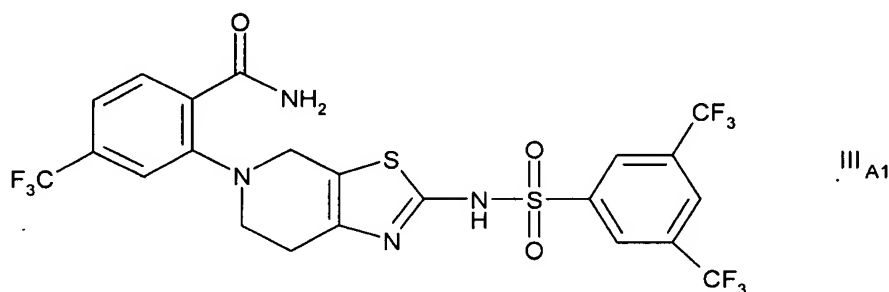
Claim 5. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 3, wherein said compound is selected from ~~of formula II, which is~~

N-(3-thia-5,11-diaza-tricyclo[6.2.1.0*2,6*]undeca-2(6),4-dien-4-yl)-benzenesulfonamide, or a compound of formula III, which is selected from the group consisting of

- 2-[2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzenesulfonylamino)-6,7-dihydro-4H-thiazolo[5,4-c]pyridin-5-yl]-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide,

- 2-[2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-6,7-dihydro-4H-thiazolo[5,4-c]pyridin-5-yl]-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide,
- 2-[2-(3,5-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-6,7-dihydro-4H-thiazolo[5,4-c]pyridin-5-yl]-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide,
- 2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzenesulfonamino)-6,7-dihydro-4H-thiazolo[5,4-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester,
- 2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonamino)-6,7-dihydro-4H-thiazolo[5,4-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester,
- 2-(3,5-Dichloro-benzenesulfonamino)-6,7-dihydro-4H-thiazolo[5,4-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester, and
- N-[5-(2-Cyclopentyl-acetyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thiazolo[5,4-c]pyridin-2-yl]-3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzenesulfonamide.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 4 of formula



Claim 7. (Previously presented) A compound of according to claim 3 in the form of a salt.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) A compound of according to claim 3 for use as a pharmaceutical.

Claims 9-11. (Canceled).